



Referencias:  
NOA: Salta+Tucumán+Jujuy+Catamarca+Oeste Sgo del Estero.  
NEA: Chaco+Este Sgo del Estero+Formosa  
Ctro N Sfe: Centro-norte de Santa Fe. Ctro N Cba: Centro-norte de Córdoba  
Núcleo Norte: Este de Córdoba+Centro-sur de Santa Fe+Sudoeste de Entre Ríos.  
Núcleo Sur: Sur de Santa Fe+Norte de Buenos Aires  
S Cba. N LP-O BA: Norte de La Pampa+Oeste de Buenos Aires.  
Ctro E ER: Entre Ríos excluida Victoria y Diamante  
Ctro BA: Centro de Buenos Aires.  
SO BA-S LP: Sudoeste de Buenos Aires+Sur de La Pampa.  
SE BA: Sudeste de Buenos Aires  
Otras: San Luis+Depresión del Salado+Corrientes+Misiones

**WEEK ENDED ON MARCH 11, 2010**

**CROP REPORT - HIGHLIGHTS**

Estimations and Agricultural Projections Department  
Buenos Aires Grain Exchange

**COARSE GRAINS AND OILSEEDS – 2009/10**

**CORN**

- ✚ Mostly dry weather accelerated harvest in the central agricultural area. Producers collected 11.5% of the useful area accumulating 2.75 million tons from an average yield of 9,7 Tn / he which far surpasses that achieved same time last year in 4,6 Tn/he.
- ✚ Weather conditions favorable for the collection will continue during the coming days.
- ✚ Rainfall fosters pollination and grain filling of late and second crops projecting good yields.
- ✚ A record of 8,3 Tn / he is projected by the end of harvest. If this figure is achieved, production would amount to **20,2 M tons**. Good weather conditions by the end of the late crop cycle could raise the current estimated production volume.

**CORN HARVEST**  
2009/10 SEASON

As of: March 11, 2010

Zone	Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yeld (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tm)
	Sown	Lost	Useful				
I	NOA	90.000	0	90.000	0	0,0	-
II	NEA	124.000	0	124.000	6	7.440	22.320
III	Ctro N Cba	390.000	0	390.000	4	15.600	163.800
IV	S Cba	370.000	0	370.000	4	14.800	88.800
V	Ctro N SFe	90.000	0	90.000	30	27.000	243.000
VI	Núcleo Norte	350.000	0	350.000	37	129.500	1.333.850
VII	Núcleo Sur	300.000	0	300.000	12	36.000	388.800
VIII	Ctro E ER	100.000	0	100.000	45	45.000	441.000
IX	N LP-OBA	330.000	0	330.000	2	6.600	72.600
X	Ctro BA	70.000	0	70.000	0	0	-
XI	SO BA-S LP	51.000	0	51.000	0	0,0	-
XII	SE BA	50.000	0	50.000	0	0,0	-
XIII	SL	80.000	0	80.000	0	0,0	-
XIV	Cuenca Sal	40.000	0	40.000	0	0,0	-
XV	Others	25.000	0	25.000	0	0,0	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2.460.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.460.000</b>	<b>11,5</b>	<b>281.940</b>	<b>2.754.170</b>

**SOYBEAN**

- ✚ Good weather conditions during crop development, the decline of excessive moisture in the most important producing areas and the favorable evolution of Argentina's Northwest region raise the national average yield prospects, surpassing initial estimates. Thus, to date, the projected final production volume reaches a historical record of **53.5 M tons**, 2,9% up from previous analysis. (52M tons).
- ✚ On the other hand, over the last 7 days, heavy rains have been reported in the south of the national rural area. The rest of the agricultural region did not present significant rains. Given this scenario, producers began the harvest of early- maturing crops affected by adverse sanitary conditions or flooding in Eastern Córdoba, Central Santa Fé, and in a few areas in North-central Santa Fé.
- ✚ Harvest has not yet reached 1% of 19 M planted hectares, marking a delay compared to the previous season. During the 2008/09 campaigns, extreme droughts combined with poor sanitary conditions of the crop accelerated their maturity and the beginning of harvest. To date, the ratio of crops that reach maturity as a result of adverse sanitary or environmental conditions is significantly lower than the previous cycle.
- ✚ So far, very good yields have been reported, despite the deteriorated condition of the harvested crops, totaling 3.5 tons/he with high variability (2.5 to 5 tons / he). The future harvest of crops with better sanitary conditions projects a gradual rise in productivity.

## SUNFLOWER

- ✚ Rainfall on the west, southwest and southeast of Buenos Aires slowed the harvest in these regions. However, 40.3% of the useful area was threshed totaling 756,000 tons.
- ✚ Harvest in the main production area (usually called "Sea and hills" in the Southeast of Buenos Aires) achieves good results. Therefore, the national average yield now stands at 1.57 tons/he.
- ✚ Low yields are reported in the Southwest of Buenos Aires. However, production prospects remain at **2.1 million tons** due to the good results achieved in Southeast and Central Buenos Aires.

## SUNFLOWER HARVEST

2009/10 SEASON

As of: March 11, 2010

Zone		Hectareage (ha)			Percentage harvested	Hectares harvested	Yeld (1) (qq/ha)	Production (Tm)
		Sown	Lost	Useful				
I	NOA	0	0	0	0	0	-	
II	NEA	62.000	6.820	55.180	100	55.180	38.626	
III	Ctro N Cba	2.000	240	1.760	20	352	704	
IV	S Cba	15.000	750	14.250	35	4.988	7.980	
V	Ctro N SFe	140.000	28.000	112.000	100	112.000	123.200	
VI	Núcleo Norte	4.000	400	3.600	80	2.880	5.760	
VII	Núcleo Sur	4.000	600	3.400	70	2.380	5.236	
VIII	Ctro E ER	20.000	2.200	17.800	90	16.020	17.622	
IX	N LP-OBA	160.000	3.200	156.800	60	94.080	188.160	
X	Ctro BA	36.000	540	35.460	50	17.730	44.325	
XI	SO BA-S LP	280.000	14.000	266.000	15	39.900	35.910	
XII	SE BA	460.000	4.600	455.400	20	91.080	191.268	
XIII	SL	10.000	2.000	8.000	40	3.200	4.160	
XIV	Cuenca Sal	68.000	1.360	66.640	60	39.984	91.963	
XV	Others	4.000	800	3.200	100	3.200	1.920	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1.265.000</b>	<b>65.510</b>	<b>1.199.490</b>	<b>40,3</b>	<b>482.974</b>	<b>15,7</b>	<b>756.834</b>